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Sir:

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COMMENTS ON DOCUMENT AN (WO99/08920)

The Figure in International Publication WO99/08920 shows that balls and rollers are disposed between a shaft and a tube.

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